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TO : Director of Training

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FROM : Chief, Language and Area School

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #38

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. C/LAS is glad to be back after a two weeks trip into New England and Canada, and expresses appreciation for the splendid way his associates have maintained continuing activity.

2. C/LAS discussed with [REDACTED] the next "Principles of Overseas Effectiveness" course. [REDACTED] indicated approval of the proposed dates of 8-19 January 1962, and proposed that about mid-November we prepare an appealing special bulletin.

3. The Inter-Agency Language Roundtable, chaired by the Air Force, assisted by CIA which chaired a business and discussion meeting, and hosted by the Chancellor and Vice-chancellor of Syracuse University, was interesting, enjoyable and profitable.

4. Of immediate interest and of possible real value to us was the pre-publicity "unveiling" of an extremely interesting language laboratory set-up. Of particular interest is remote-control feature by which students do not have personal contact with machines or tapes — nothing but a telephone dial, a couple of switches and headphones with attached recording speaking device. Of some significance is probable lower cost of installation, and significantly lower cost of maintenance. The system was developed jointly by Yale University and an electronic engineering firm in Connecticut. We intend to accept the firm's offer to have a representative come to Washington. If his presentation leaves us with continuing interest, I shall recommend that [REDACTED] see in operation the set-up at the University of Michigan, one of three in the country. It may well be that this is a superior set-up for the new building — effective, versatile and perhaps economical.

5. Also of interest to us was a free and "off the record" discussion of problems that would be created by creation of a "National Academy of Languages."

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